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CITY OF SAN DIEGO WATER DEPARTMENT HONORED BY LOCAL AND NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

San Diego, CA – The City of San Diego is proud to announce the **Water Department** received a number of awards from the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and San Diego's American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) honoring outstanding paper presentations and exemplary civil engineering projects.

The recently published article in the "JOURNAL American Water Works," *Cost Saving and Enhanced Reliability for Main Rehabilitation and Replacement* written by the Water Department staff was selected as Best Paper for the 2005 American Water Works Association Distribution & Plant Operations Division. "The contest for AWWA Best Paper Award is always a fierce competition between the best professionals in the water industry, and winning this award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our City staff," said Water Department Director Frank Belock. The award was presented during the AWWA annual conference in San Francisco on June 13, 2005.

In addition to the Best Paper award from AWWA, the City of San Diego was also honored at the annual ASCE San Diego Section Awards Dinner on May 21, 2005 by receiving two Awards of Merit and one Award of Excellence. The Award of Excellence was given to the new Catalina Pump Station. The award winning project replaces the aging and outdated water pump station in Point Loma neighborhood with a new, modern facility.

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The Canyonside Pump Station and the Earl Thomas Reservoir both received Awards of Merit. Located in the Canyonside Community Park, adjacent to Black Mountain Road, the Canyonside Pump Station enables the City to meet its recycled water goals by delivering recycled water to golf courses and other recycled water customers in the north City area.

The Earl Thomas Reservoir, located at the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant next to Lake Murray, allows the City to have approximately 77 million gallons of drinking water stored on site, giving the City the flexibility to run the plant at optimal efficiency.

Recognition by the American Water Works Association and the San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers demonstrates the skill and capability of the City of San Diego **Water Department** and its dedication to improving the quality and reliability of the city's water system.

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